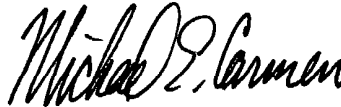


REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7-10 have been amended and Claims 17-40 have been canceled. Thus, Claims 1-16 are now under examination in this application. It is believed that the application as now presented, containing amended Claims 1-16, is in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Carmen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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